

Las Cruces, NM – On Monday, October 11th, Harry Teague will host a community open house event to highlight the potential of biofuel production in the Las Cruces region as well as job and business opportunities in the industry. The event will feature panel discussions and presentations from alternative energy and biofuel production leaders and experts.

“It is an exciting time for biofuel development, especially here in southern new Mexico, where the world’s largest integrated algal biorefinery is being built. Las Cruces has the potential to become a hub for biofuels production, and this event will provide the opportunity for businesses and members of the community to learn more about how advanced biofuels can benefit both the economy of southern New Mexico and our nation’s energy future,” said Harry Teague, who sponsored the Algae-based Renewable Fuel Promotion Act, bipartisan legislation to promote the production of algal biofuels, passed by the House of Representatives last week. “As we work to expand our renewable energy, create jobs, and reduce our dependence on foreign oil with a Do It All, Do It in New Mexico energy plan, I believe that it’s important that all New Mexicans – across government, business and education - are involved and aware of the opportunities available to them.”

Presentations will focus on the impact of biofuels on the local economy, the science behind the industry, and an update on the integrated algal biorefinery being built by Sapphire Energy in Columbus, New Mexico, as well as Harry Teague’s work in Congress to advance biofuel development and productions. In addition, attendees interested in positioning themselves for jobs the biofuels industry or opportunities for their small businesses can learn about the types of skills, training and work capacity that will be needed as production grows and the industry matures. Representatives from Southwest Biofuels Association, Sapphire Energy, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University, and Dona Ana Community College will participate in the community event.

The event is free and open to the public. Interested media are invited to attend.

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MONDAY, OCTOBER 11th:

WHO: Harry Teague, Southwest Biofuels Association, Sapphire Energy, White Sands Missile Range, New Mexico State University, and Dona Ana Community College

WHAT: Biofuels Opportunities Open House

WHERE: DACC Workforce Center **2345 E. Nevada St., Las Cruces**

WHEN: Monday, October 11th, 12:00 PM – 2:00 PM

QUESTIONS: 1-888-9-TEAGUE

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